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TOWN AFFAIRS.

PATIENCE NOT ALWAYS A VIRTUE.

The worthy young men of the Euclidian, in sympathy with the anxiety of our citizens generally to see the long expected and long promised system of improvements begun in Bloomfield, invited their fellow townsmen to meet in the Society's Hall for conference over these important matters.

They did more. They generously thought to save the time of the meeting and give force and directness to its discussion by appointing some of their own ablest members to collate and present at the opening of the meeting valuable statistics to show the effect of improvements, or of the neglect of them, in other places. This was wisely planned and well executed.

Unfortunately a gentleman, forgetful of its nauseating effect upon the stomach of Bloomfield two years ago, alluded to a cherished idea of his to get all our improvements at the expense of Newark, by annexing that rich city to our village. The opportunity was embraced by several gentlemen to make remarks upon that topic, all on one side, and the time was consumed without any discussion of the main question for which the meeting was convened. The kind intentions of the Euclidian Society were thus entirely frustrated for the time. Their courtesy was even so far intruded upon, that a motion made by one of the included guests was carried to adjourn to another evening, two weeks later, to inquire into the feasibility of this annexation scheme. We need not point out the manifest impolicy and the great disadvantage to us of incorporation with Newark. Any one with the least discernment must have observed that the temper of Bloomfield is utterly opposed to any such connection.

To return to the thought which we set out to express.

The hope of our people in this town in the matter of public improvements, have maintained themselves against hope so long as to weary the patience almost of the firmest. The accomplishment of the Gas IMPROVEMENT is, it true, given new elasticity to the desponding spirit of enterprise. The enactment of the STREET IMPROVEMENT law for Bloomfield, nobly assumed as it was by a town meeting vote of \$10,000 the first year and \$5,000 last year, was another important step forward and strengthened confidence that we are at length alive to our true interests and were on the right track of real progress. But when, at the end of this anxious period, since the inauguration of those measures, we look back to note what has been done, what we do find as the result of two years time and \$15,000 road appropriation? Shall we say nothing? We do know that the former Township Committee, acting under the law, contracted and paid some \$3,500 of the money for a new map. Who, or whether any body has seen it, we have never been able to learn. Of what use the map has been, or is likely to be, is not easy to determine. And we fear the rest of the \$10,000 has little more to show for it. The present township committee may be able to justify their inaction, and we sincerely hope they will, but we can see on what ground. They have had ample authority of law and \$5,000 to begin with, and yet nothing has been accomplished.

It is our wish and purpose to uphold the Town Council in all measures consistent with law and for the interest of the town. We have been patiently waiting for developments from the Council of their plans and intentions. But as far as we know, they seem to have no plan, and if they have any intentions they have not revealed them to the public. It is impossible to account for their inaction on so important a matter as the speedy location of our streets and some other questions and for their reticence in regard to subjects of the greatest interest to the town. Perhaps we will be told that the time of reckoning is near at hand; or at least the town meeting, which will elect the Council for the coming year. But are we to go on in the same way every year, finding out near the end of the year that nothing has been accomplished? and in the rush and hurry of an evening meeting, naming men for Councilmen, to be entrusted with our vital interests, who, forsooth, we only hope will do something next year? We cannot, we might not, be patient with this, may we not say, utter disregard of the great questions upon which the prosperity of our town absolutely depends.

It may be that the Council excuse themselves on the ground that they have only partaken of the apathy which has generally pervaded the community. We acknowledge there is apparent plausibility in this. We are too ready, when we have committed our interests to chosen men, to withdraw from all concern and responsibility ourselves. But let us be aroused from our lethargy, and instead of wasting time in discussing idle and impracticable questions, let us consider earnestly the vital interests so long neglected. There is no doubt but we need some additional legislation for our towns at the Capital this winter.

"Educational" and California, Verona and Maywood correspondents in type but crowded out till next week.

NOTWITHSTANDING.—It is interesting and gratifying to us to notice, as we have done from time to time of late years, the changed tone of English sentiment towards American liberality, culture, and scientific attainments, from that which they entertained for us *parcours*, as they thought, twenty or thirty years ago. Speaking of our preparations for observations of the late transit of Venus, a leading English paper said: "The United States lead all the other nations, in respect both of the amount of money which her Government has contributed, and of the discomfort, not to say dangers, of the stations she has chosen in the Southern seas. Posts of importance which were given up as too hopelessly miserable even for enthusiastic English astronomers will be occupied by Americans."

It is true that the American parties which have now been heard from almost everywhere prove that the largest proportion of the successful observations have been attained by them. They have even succeeded, as in New Zealand, at points where observers of other countries at neighboring stations failed.

The fact of the posting of parties in every quarter of the earth more numerous than any other nation is rightly attributed to the active culture of science in this country, and is the best evidence of the genuineness of culture.

GARDEN SEEDS.—Messrs. Chase, Brothers & Woodward, Seedsmen of Rochester, N. Y., at our request have sent us by mail a \$5 package of 50 papers of garden seeds and 50 papers of flower seeds, embracing, we think, a choice variety than we could have named ourselves. The proportions are well arranged; the quantity is ample and the price is low. Any of our readers can be supplied in the same way, we judge by dropping a line to the above well known and responsible firm.

CONCERTS.—Theodore Thomas, a New York musical celebrity, is to give a series of three subscription concerts in the Grand Hall of the Newark Industrial Institute on Tuesday evening, February 28, Monday evening March 6, and Monday evening April 12. It is intended that this shall be the greatest musical treat Essex County has yet enjoyed. Tickets, with reserved seats, can be obtained (\$3) for the series by addressing Prof. Gray at Conservatory of Music, 9 Bank Street, Newark.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.
Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre
Feb. 1. 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
At 7 A. M. 22° 75° 10° 4° 3° 2° 1°
At Noon 22° 14° 27° 8° 14° 0° 14°
At 9 P. M. 12° 14° 12° 8° 10° 2° 16°

This has been the coldest week of the season.

Pedestrians have crossed the North River on the ice between Weehawken and New York, and the East River between New York and Brooklyn.

Tuesday was the coldest day; the thermometer averaged zero the whole 24 hours.

On Wednesday evening next in Westminster Chapel, the Euclidian Society is to be represented in one of its most commanding aspects, seeking no personal renown and honor, but sympathy and aid in the support and prosecution of their well devised plan of public benefit, as well as intellectual and social culture for our young people. A Free Public Reading Room has been maintained for several years, but is now embarrassed with a small debt and for want of funds to meet further necessities.

The Reverend Robert Sloane will give a selection of highly interesting readings in his inimitable style on the evening above named the net proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the Euclidian Reading Room Fund. A citizen of culture said to us of Mr. Sloane's former readings here:—The satisfaction of his hearers increased with every visit. I can safely say that of the many readers we have had none have equalled Mr. Sloane in the popular satisfaction he has given." His programme for the occasion is a very interesting one and all who attend may expect an evening of rare enjoyment, as well as the privilege of contributing to a most worthy town interest.

FAMILY STORE.—If a large and varied stock of merchandise, embracing almost everything required in and about a home, will be sold to the patronage of the town, Mr. Wilde's most central and convenient store in Bloomfield should attract a large custom. If intelligent devotion to business, fair dealing, reasonable prices and an accommodating disposition can induce trade this will explain why Mr. Wilde has such a constant run of custom.

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MONTCLAIR AMATEUR DEBATING SOCIETY.—Several scholars of the High School, together with a few other young people, have organized a debating society, which, now that it is thoroughly versed in "Cushing's Manual," has become a matter of concern and interest to outsiders. They hold their deliberations at the residences of the members, where friends give them call, from time to time, to watch their improvement and to give encouragement.

President Richards presides with admirable tact and descretion, and as far as an aviator can judge, is entirely impartial. This way of passing our long winter evenings is certainly one of the most profitable and especially so for American youths; every citizen, be he of high or low estate, must make a speech sometime, and he is always liable to become a member of the great debating society of our country.

The modesty with which they have treated themselves is an item in their favor; but we expect to see this last expand and bloom into a literary, with a name that will make most of us resort to our dictationaries.

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HOCES.—We take great pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Mr. Peale on our first page. Mr. Peale is one of our most intelligent, enterprising and reliable citizens in Bloomfield. He has built a great many houses and seems to know just how to adapt them to the needs of housekeepers and the circumstances of inquirers. The location of his property is all that can be desired.

MONTCLAIR.

No business has been transacted for several weeks, except the usual routine work of auditing the current bills of the Poor Master, &c.

Last evening the Road Commissioners handed in their report accompanied by maps in relation to changing the line of *Harrison Avenue*; *Montclair Avenue* from our new Depot to *Watchung Avenue*; *Montclair Avenue* from *Bloomfield Avenue* to *Watchung Avenue*, under two petitions. The commissioners will hear and take action on this report at their meeting Friday 15th.

A cursory review of the work of the Council during the past year may be expected next week.

MATRIMONIAL.—Why do we hear so little about matrimonial intentions now-a-days? Because it is more fashionable to fall on the ice than to fall in love.

That reason don't suit me, Mr. Editor. For the gallantry that prompts the spring to raise the fallen beauty would be likely to melt the frigid heart and cause the affections to flow.

Well, then, I suppose the solution is that like and woolens, furs and beavers, surround the persons of all this long cold spell that cupid's arrows gain no entrance through the invulnerable encasement.

Not satisfactory either Mr. Editor. For the domain of the affections being thus protected against the frigidity of Major Frost's surveillance, the heart may be expected to glow and revel in the warmth and hopes and promise which love has planted within. What then, my dear sir is your answer to our inquiry?

O plain enough. Two reasons are on my tongue. One is the great depression of business, which is more felt at this time than for many months before and is in fact intensified by this unusual and protracted spell of cold weather that ices over the streams by which affection manifests itself. The other is, that dismal pall of scandal and exposure of the possibilities of family destruction, now rife in Brooklyn, which so blights all that's beautiful and bright, hopeful, encouraging and animating as to check the developments of the heart's noble passion.

Probably you are right my friend. But those causes, though just now dominant, must soon retire in weakness, astonished at their own admitted sway. For they are neither well founded nor have they any right of mastery. The opening Spring will dissipate them, as noxious, or melt and remould them into useful accessories. Their continuance must be short. Hearts will soon glow with vitalizing life, a genial warmth and a sympathetic pulse in response to other hearts. The sombre thoughts which have disheartened, chilled and separated will speedily assert their higher function, their noble nature, and give birth to hopes and joys, not in selfish isolation but in true and happy union.

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little circle in which we move, and many anxious souls have been had to devise ways and means to accomplish this. After all we found out a way, suggested by one of our wise heads, which was to adopt the pie-crust plan, each lady provide a basket of goodies and the gents charter the teams, and thus provided to take the road and make a raid on some good-natured country hotel keeper. This we carried into effect last night. We all enjoyed it so much that I cannot help telling you of it.

Know then, that about 8 o'clock P. M. we left Bloomfield, taking our way through the cheerful and growing town of Montclair, and although it was up hill and slow traveling, we cheered the way by song and a social chat. Arriving at length near a house whose external appearance showed signs of cheer within, especially as we observed an inscription on the outer wall, GREAT NOTCH HOUSE.

We drew up at the door and soon transferred our living freight to the snug quarters kept by our friend Andrews. A hearty welcome was extended to us and we were allowed to have our own way and to make ourselves at home, which we did, and enjoyed it.

Now let me tell you of this romantic place, this pearl of the mountains, called Great Notch. It is a splendid place to enjoy the cooling breezes of July. Extended views without stint; one can almost make a new lease of life there. The Midland R. R. depot is but a minutes walk from the house we visited. Now I must tell you of the house we had the good fortune to find, and of mine host, Allen Andrews. Mr. Andrews has kept a country tavern for a number of years at Great Notch, and by his thrift and attention has amassed a competency. During the past season he has erected a new and commodious Hotel, which has been named the Great Notch House. The rooms are large and convenient, the dormitories are all well ventilated and heated as well as all the rest of the rooms, by an excellent furnace. The cuisine is presided over by the hostess and her daughter; the sons reader efficient aid in other departments. Mr. Andrews is a regular boniface, with just enough of the angaise left to make him attractive without being intrusive.

In fact, Mr. Editor, the *tout ensemble* renders the house just the place for a mountain resort in the summer months, and *au fait* for a sleighing party in the winter. Great Notch is about two miles from the upper part of Montclair and a little over a mile from Little Falls. PATER FAMILIAS. Probably you are right my friend. But those causes, though just now dominant, must soon retire in weakness, astonished at their own admitted sway. For they are neither well founded nor have they any right of mastery. The opening Spring will dissipate them, as noxious, or melt and remould them into useful accessories. Their continuance must be short. Hearts will soon glow with vitalizing life, a genial warmth and a sympathetic pulse in response to other hearts. The sombre thoughts which have disheartened, chilled and separated will speedily assert their higher function, their noble nature, and give birth to hopes and joys, not in selfish isolation but in true and happy union.

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